

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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A2 44. The memory device of claim 40, further including a microprocessor coupled to the memory means.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are canceled. Currently claims 18- 44 are pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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